

THOUSANDS TO BE BET ON BIG FIGHT

Record Wagering on Johnson-Jeffries Bout.

CAPABLE REFEREE ASSURED

If Two Men Are Used, One Will Be an Eastern Man—Thousands of Dollars at Stake—Fight Must Be Won by Knockout to Avoid Discussion, Difference of Opinion.

Judging from the preparations being made for the handling of betting commissions on the Johnson-Jeffries battle on July 4, the contest for heavy-weight supremacy will be one of the greatest events upon which sportsmen have wagered in many years. It is believed by those who carefully follow the trend of such matters that the amount of money which will be in the hands of stakeholders when the pugilists enter the ring will run into many hundreds of thousands of dollars. The world-wide importance of the battle and the international reputation of both Johnson and Jeffries, it is expected, will lead to wagers from all parts of the world.

The bout set for Independence Day contains so many angles which have never been present in previous ring combats that there is a wide divergence of opinion as to the ultimate winner. Jeffries in his prime as a pugilist was considered to be absolutely invincible. Fighting at a time when the heavy-weight ranks contained a most formidable list of competitors, he twice went through the list, sweeping all before him in his climb to the championship. This record, which has not been excelled in modern pugilistic history, gave him a following such as no other fighter has ever had. The admiration which his performance aroused among pugilistic enthusiasts has never been dimmed.

Jeff the Favorite. To a great extent it holds good to-day despite the fact that Jeffries has not fought a contest of any importance in almost half a decade. In what little wagering has been done on the coming contest he has been a pronounced favorite and the prediction has been made that he will enter the ring a 2 to 1 favorite over the negro. This belief is said to be based upon the idea that Jeffries' admirers, remembering his ability in the past, will back him regardless of statements that may come from his rival's training camp. In order to make wagering brisk there must be, of course, plenty of backing for both pugilists, and judging from reports from various parts of the country this will not be lacking.

The situation was summed up by a well-known Broadway sportsman and better when he said the other night:

"There will be all kinds of betting on the big Emeryville fight, and just as soon as the men begin to train in earnest you will see the money go up in big waves. To my way of thinking sentiment will go a long way toward securing a big backing for Jeffries, but the wise money will be on the negro. I know a lot of men who can't see anything in this talk of Jeffries regaining his great fighting form of a few years ago. When the times come they will be at the ringside ready to gobble up all the 2 to 1 money in sight if anything like those odds prevail on the day of the fight."

This same difference of opinion extends into the ranks of the pugilists. It is possible to start an argument at any time or place where pugilists gather by introducing the subject of the Johnson-Jeffries fight and the probable winner. Jim Corbett, Tom Sharkey, Frank Gotch, Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast and many others have gone on record as predicting a victory for the Californian. Johnson's side of the argument has been taken by Owen Moran, Tommy Ryan, Joe Gans, Stanley Ketchell, Bill Papke and others just as numerous as the Jeffries contingent. It is this very difference of opinion both among pugilists and pugilistic followers that points to the big battle being a record breaker from a wagering standpoint.

Many in attempting to forecast a winner introduce their statements with a proviso relative to the referee or the possibility of the affair being fought under an agreement between the pugilists. Those connected with the promotion of the battle have stated emphatically there need be no grounds for doubt or suspicion on either point. Tex Rickard has already gone on record as favoring two referees for the contest, one or both to be in the ring. His partner, Jack Gleason, is understood to be strongly opposed to such an innovation. He bases his objections on the ground that with two men arbitrating the contest there is a possibility of wrangling or confusing which might mar the bout.

As the matter stands at present Jack Welsh is the leading candidate for referee, in case one arbitrator is chosen. Should it be finally decided that two referees are essential the second man will surely be an Easterner, and the names of Charley and Johnny White of New York have been mentioned. Both are equipped by experience for such a position and have the confidence of Eastern fight followers. There is some doubt as to whether Johnny White would officiate because of his business duties.

Any one of the trio mentioned has established a reputation for fairness in deciding boxing contests, and would undoubtedly prove acceptable to a majority of those who will wager on the battle. The responsibility of the position is such that no competent referee will accept the office until he has given the move considerable thought. With thousands of dollars at stake and the eyes of sportsmen in all parts of the world fixed upon the principals and the third man in the ring, the position will be one that is not to be assumed offhand. Unless the fight is won by a clean knockout, the discussion which will follow will blast for all time the reputation of the referee should there be the slightest indication of suspicious features.

STECKER TO FRONT.

Baltimore, April 2.—Competing against the cream of the long-distance men of Maryland and the District of Columbia, John G. Stecker, formerly of the Washington Y. M. C. A., but now running unattached, this afternoon won the second annual open handicap five-mile race, promoted by the Cross Country Club of this city. Starting from scratch, with a number of entrants having as much as two minutes handicap, Stecker ran a great race, his actual running time for the five miles being 23 minutes and 29 seconds.

ALOYSIUS CLUB WINS.

Southern Railway Athletes No Match for Clubmen.

The Aloysius club gained a victory over the Southern Railway nine of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. League, at Capital City League Park yesterday, 5 to 2.

Ferguson and Strobel's pitching and some all around good and bad work on the part of McCarthy tells the story of the game. In the opener Gill walked, stole second, and advanced to third on Moye's bounce to the infield, which Downey did well to stop. Both scored when McCarthy landed on one for two bases.

After this inning Southern only threatened once, but Ferguson turned Garrett's liner into a double play. Aloysius scored in the first on hits by Taylor and Hurley and McCarthy's error, and in the second, when Downey and Leonard were walked, both scored when Morris hit and McCarthy again scored.

In the third Strobel took up the pitching, and although he struck out the three men in this inning, a hit by Smith and Carr's clout over the fence raised the total to five runs. Score:

Aloysius	R	H	E	A	E
Gill, c.	0	1	0	0	0
More, 2b.	1	2	0	0	0
Boles, 3b.	0	1	0	0	0
McCarthy, 1b.	0	1	2	0	0
Platz, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Sammy, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Strobel, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	5	2	0	0

First base by error—Southern, 1. First base on balls—off Ferguson, 2; off Garrett, 1. Innings pitched—By Strobel, 1; by Garrett, 2. Hits made—Off Garrett, 5; off Strobel, 2. Struck out—By Garrett, 2; by Strobel, 6; by Ferguson, 7. Home runs—Carr, Two-base hit—McCarthy, Stolen bases—Gill, More, Butler, and Platz. Double play—Ferguson to Carr, McCarthy to Butler. Hit by pitcher—By Strobel—Downey. Wild pitches—Ferguson, 2. Passed ball—Thompson. Umpire—Mr. Dawson. Time of game—1 hour and 5 minutes.

NEW CAPITAL BOXER.



JOHNNY MCGOVERN.

Washington light-weight, who appears before Baltimore Club April 7.

WILL MAKE HIS DEBUT.

Johnny McGovern, of Washington, to meet Joe Devine in Baltimore.

Washington is fortunate to have several good boxers numbered among its rising generation, and the ability of Tommie Lowe, Kid Sullivan, Kid Egan, and others, is well known to those who follow events on the sporting calendar, but now another star has risen above the horizon in the pugilistic world, and this week will see young Johnny McGovern, of Washington, make his bow in the fight ring, the engagement being a six-round main with Joe Devine, of Baltimore, on April 7.

McGovern has a host of friends here who have watched him develop and round into a full-fledged scrapper, and a large party of local sports will journey over to the Monumental City to witness the bout.

Georgetown Olives Win.

The Georgetown Olives opened their season yesterday on their grounds at Thirty-fifth and S streets northwest, with the Woodland Athletic Club, the Olives winning by the score of 3 to 2.

The Olives will meet the strong Bradock team on Monday at 5 p. m. The Olives would like to arrange games with all teams seventeen or eighteen years of age. Address Robert Reichard, 1414 Thirty-fourth street northwest. Score:

Olives..... 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3 6 1  
Woodland..... 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 5 2

AGGIES HAVE BEST TEAM IN YEARS.

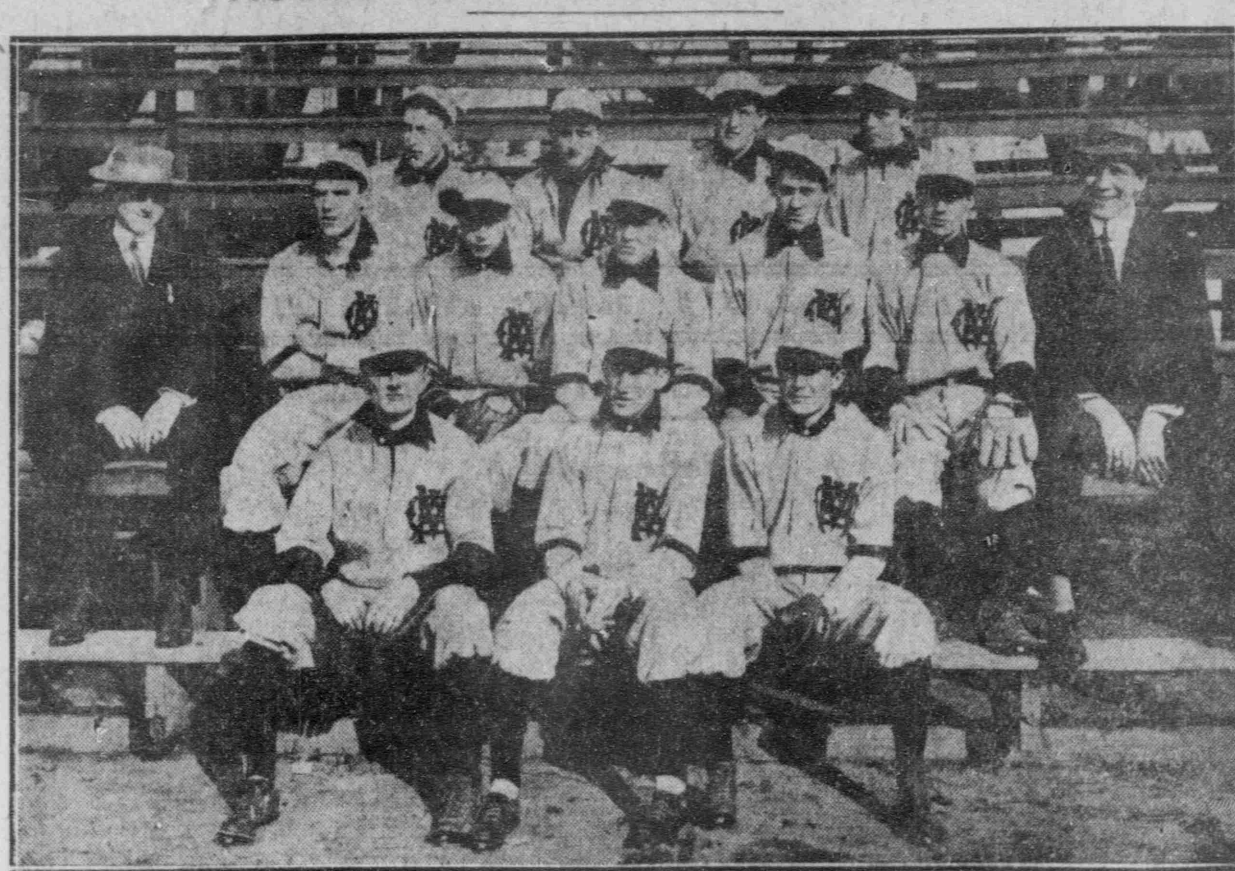


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Maryland Agricultural College Baseball Squad.

ST. JOHN'S PROVES EASY.

Maryland University Trounces the Annapolis Collegians, 8 to 4.

Annapolis, Md., April 2.—Rather discouraged as the result of their poor showing on the recent Southern trip, and with their players pretty badly used up, St. John's College went down to defeat before the nine of Maryland University, Baltimore, here this morning, by the decisive score of 8 to 4.

Although the locals played a ragged and listless game in the field, it was the more timely hitting of the 'varsity' that gained them the victory. J. Wilson started in to twirl for St. John's, but the visitors touched him up sufficiently in the second inning to get two runners home. After that session he retired in favor of Stevens, but the latter plainly showed fatigue, as he was worked on consecutively days while down South. The Baltimoreans punished him severely in the fourth inning, batting out four singles, which, with an error, netted four runs, sufficient to win, though they added two more in the seventh. Score:

Maryland	R	H	E	A	E
Ray, c.	1	2	0	0	0
Walters, 1b.	1	2	0	0	0
Pelousin, 2b.	1	2	0	0	0
Wright, 3b.	1	2	0	0	0
Webb, 1b.	1	2	0	0	0
Woodland, 2b.	1	2	0	0	0
Dolan, 3b.	1	2	0	0	0
Butler, 1b.	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	8	12	0	0	0

St. John's..... 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 3  
Maryland..... 8 2 0 0 4 2 0 0 8 4  
St. John's..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 3  
Earned run—St. John's, 1. Two-base hits—J. Wilson and Dean. Three-base hit—Grove. Sacrifice hits—Ruhl, Stolen bases—Davidson, Butler, Grove, Gearing. Bases on balls—off Walters, 2. Struck out—By Walters, 8; by Stevens, 7; by J. Wilson, 1. Left on base—Maryland, 6; St. John's, 4. Double play—Pelousin to Campbell, Pash, balls—Haver (2), Pelousin, First base by error—Maryland, 2; St. John's, 1. Umpire—Mr. Charles Sweet. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

TECH WINS GAME.

Garrett Park Team Defeated by 5 to 3 Score.

At Garrett Park yesterday afternoon Technical High School's baseball team won a hand-fought game, by the score of 5 to 3. Lynch and Gill were the stars. Coach King says he expects Tech to win the scholastic championship easily. Score:

T.H.S.	R	H	E	A	E
Heath, 1b.	1	1	0	0	0
Down, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Heath, 3b.	2	2	0	0	0
Wright, 1b.	1	2	0	0	0
Wright, 2b.	1	2	0	0	0
Wright, 3b.	1	2	0	0	0
Wright, 1b.	1	2	0	0	0
Wright, 2b.	1	2	0	0	0
Wright, 3b.	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	3	12	0	0	0

Garrett Park..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 5  
Technical..... 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 3  
Earned run—Technical, 4. First base by error—Technical, 2. Garrett Park, 4. First base on balls—off Austin, 2; off Chapman, 4; off Thompson, 2. Innings pitched—By Austin, 3; by Tew, 2; by Kraft, 2; by Chapman, 2. Hits made—Off Tew, 1; off Kraft, 2; off Chapman, 1. Struck out—By Thompson, 13; by Tew, 1; by Kraft, 2; by Chapman, 2. Two-base hits—O'Leary, W. O'Leary, Stolen bases—Gill, Heald, Torres, Lodge (3), W. O'Leary, Mullica, Double play—Bennett; Schwegler to Gill to Burley; Heald to Gill. Hit by pitcher—By Austin, 1. Umpire—Mr. Palmer. Time of game—1 hour and 35 minutes.

M.A.C. WINS FROM GALLAUDET

Wright, of the Winners, Does Not Allow a Hit.

Large Crowd Turns Out to Witness the Opening Game at College Park.

College Park, Md., April 2.—The Maryland Agricultural College baseball team opened the season on their new grounds by defeating the Gallaudet College of Washington, by the score of 7 to 2. Wright pitched a no-hit game. One of the largest crowds of spectators was in the stands that has ever witnessed a game on the Aggies' field.

Snappy and fast fielding was done on each side, cutting off several runs, although the Aggies slipped up on two occasions and allowed the visitors to put two over the pan.

In the first inning, with two men down and two men on, Furniss caught one of Battiste's shots and drove it over the right fielder's head for three sacks. The batting of the home team was above the average, connecting for six hits. Both Shortstops Shipley and Morris did exceptionally well. Score:

M.A.C.	R	H	E	A	E
Battiste, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Maxson, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Arres, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0
Rockwell, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Craven, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0
Maxson, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Dorian, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Higham, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0

Wright, p. 7 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 2  
Gallaudet..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2  
M.A.C...... 7 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 2  
Two-base hit—Grass. Three-base hit—Furniss. Sacrifice hits—Shipley, Woodward, Battiste. Stolen bases—Barnes, Saunders (2), Shipley, Rockwell (2), Maxson. Struck out—By Wright, 3; by Battiste, 6. Bases on balls—off Wright, 2; off Battiste, 1. Time of game, 1 hour and 50 minutes. Umpire—Mr. Silvester.

STRIKES OUT TEN.

The strong Cleveland Park Athletic Club went down to defeat before the National Cathedral School for Boys yesterday afternoon on Washington School diamond—score, 9 to 6. Upton caused ten to retire on strikes and pitched a steady game, but his support was ragged. A three-base hit by Schlake was the feature in the batting, while Crane stole home in the fifth inning by a beautiful slide. Score:

C.P.A.C.	R	H	E	A	E
Robinson, 1b.	1	0	1	0	0
Nashfield, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0
Jeffrey, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0
Walsh, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Schumaker, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0
Monroe, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0
Hamann, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0
Upton, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	10	0	0	0

Cleveland Park..... 2 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 6  
National Cathedral..... 0 0 3 1 0 1 1 0 6  
Runs—Robinson, Holbrook, Schumaker, Carter, Jones (2), Crane (2), Pash, Small, Solite (2), Murphy (2), Miller. First base on balls—off Small, 2; off Rogers, 1; off Upton, 4. Innings pitched—By Small, 4; by Rogers, 4. Hits made—Off Small, 3; off Rogers, 3. Struck out—By Upton, 10; by Small, 6; by Rogers, 1. Three-base hit—Schlake. Sacrifice hits—Schoenfeld, Metz. Hit by pitcher—By Upton, 2. Umpire—Mr. Dunn. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

HYATTSVILLE TRIMS BANKERS.

Washington Loan and Trust Company Team Is Bitten, 5 to 3.

Special to The Washington Herald. Hyattsville, Md., April 2.—The baseball team representing the Washington Loan and Trust Company of Washington gave the Hyattsville club a good scare here this afternoon, although the locals nosed out by the score of 5 to 3. Hyattsville started off in whirlwind fashion, scoring four runs on three errors and two hits, Lash's single to right being especially timely.

Robertson held the locals safe until the eighth session, when Galt drew a pass and Solomon hit to left field for three bases. Bailey, for Hyattsville, allowed but two hits in the seven innings he flung them over, and Anderson, who followed him, did not allow a hit, striking out the side in the ninth.

The visitors played a steady game after the first round, and Robertson allowed but seven hits in the last eight innings. "Pete" Galt and Mortimer Carr, shortstop and left field, respectively, both of whom live in Hyattsville and are members of the local team, played good ball for the Bankers. Score:

Hyattsville	R	H	E	A	E
Herring, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Hartley, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Dunnell, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0
Leah, 1b.	1	2	0	0	0
Anderson, 2b.	1	2	0	0	0
Shannon, 3b.	1	2	0	0	0
Schuman, 1b.	1	2	0	0	0
Robertson, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	12	0	0	0

Washington Loan & Trust..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 5  
Hyattsville..... 4 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 5  
Base on balls—off Bailey, 2. Struck out—By Bailey, 12; by Anderson, 3; by Robertson, 6. Two-base hits—Bacon and Minigrode. Three-base hit—Solomon. Double play—Chuan to F. Galt. Left on base—W. L. & T. Hyattsville, 5. First base on errors—W. L. & T. Hyattsville, 2. Stolen bases—Bacon, Galt (2), Minigrode, Hartley, MacNeil. Hits—off Bailey, 2; in seven innings. Umpire—Mr. Robert A. Kanitz. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

BUSY WEEK PLANNED.

A hard fought contest is expected Tuesday when the Tigers clash with the crack team from Howard University, on Howard's campus. As there has always been a great deal of rivalry between these two teams, both are primed for this battle. Manager Bell, of the Tigers, expects to send either Johnson or his crack southpaw, Epps, to the mound to check the fast collegians.

On Wednesday the same clubs cross bats again. Probable line-up of the Belmonts: Hawkins, right field; Tyler, center field; Givens, shortstop; H. Johnson or Gets first base; T. West, third base; Cook, second base; Byrd, left field; Wright or Hollin, catcher; Epps, T. Johnson, or Bowman, pitcher.

Sunday the Tigers meet the Barbours Athletic Club at Thirteenth and D streets northeast, at 12:30 o'clock, and the Washington Stars at 3 o'clock at Half and P streets southwest. Friday, April 8, the Tigers clash with the Post-office team of the Colored Departmental League, on the Monument Lot. Any team in or out of the District desiring games can address Thomas Johnson, 1329 B street northeast.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW HERE NEXT WEEK

Canoes and Motor Boats on Exhibition.

SEVERAL EXHIBITS ON HAND

Light Infantry Hall to Be Scene of Unique and Interesting Exhibits. Everything a Sportsman Needs Will Be Shown—Affair Promises to Be a Big Success.

It is stated upon good authority that there are 1,000 canoes owned in the city of Washington, and that constant additions are being made to this fleet of little pleasure craft. There are many numbered among the owners of canoes who are also the possessors of motor boats, and on any pleasant evening during the summer they may be found paddling up or cruising about on the Potomac.

These little boats range all the way from the tiny craft that will capsize under the occupant is an experienced paddler and knows just how to meet every air chamber in the side, which cannot be capsized. Other craft of this class are equipped with centerboards and carry a small sail.

At the sportsman's show which is to be held in this city next week canoes of all sizes, shapes, and descriptions will be on exhibition. Many of these frail craft will be the same vessels that have been exhibited at the boat shows held in Boston, Chicago, and Buffalo.

As the name of the show indicates, there will be on display everything that the sportsman may desire, from a canoe which he can paddle in and out among the rocks on his trout fishing expeditions to the big sea-going motor boat, from the deck of which deep-sea fishing can be indulged in.

In addition to the water craft, there is to be something of everything that the heart of the most ardent sportsman can wish for. If it is a gun, he can find one to suit his fancy, as well as his pocket-book.

Fishing tackle of all descriptions will be shown, as will camp outfit from the compact little affair that can be transported from place to place without any great inconvenience to the heavy full equipped one which requires the aid of a couple of porters to transport it from place to place.

Many of the exhibits are already in the city, and will be installed in the Washington Light Infantry Hall, where the show is to be held during the coming week. In order that everything may be in shape for the opening of the show one week from to-morrow night.

The decorator will finish his task by the middle of the week, and more than likely Saturday night the final test of the lighting system will be held.

GETTING UNDER WAY.

Commercial to Include Center Market and F. P. May's Co. Nine.

Plans for the organization of the Commercial League are maturing, and it is expected that within the week the six teams necessary to start the ball rolling will be definitely known and that matters in regard to the playing field, &c., will be taken up by the board of managers.

Center Market will have a team composed of employees, and as there are many good ball players at hand, a good team should be the result. The F. P. May's hardware store is the latest commercial house to volunteer a club, and, as the clerks of this establishment have long felt a desire to get into just such an organization, they will have the advantage of being keen at the game.

Washington can support another amateur league without any trouble, and it only remains for those who now have the matter in hand to resurrect the old Commercial League of two seasons ago and profit by the old organization's mistakes.

Y. M. C. A. TEAM IN LINE.

The Southeast Y. M. C. A. baseball team has organized for the season of 1910, and will try to uphold the record of last year's team, which won twenty-two games and lost two and tied two, out of twenty-six games played.

The Southeast Y. M. C. A. would like to hear from all teams averaging seventeen years. Address challenges to S. Oliveri, Southeast Y. M. C. A., Fifth street and Virginia avenue southeast.

The following players are trying to make the team: Hinwood, Rock, E. Flynn, captain; Potier, Oliveri, manager; Adlong, Thompson, Gaines, Vranstein, Quigley, and Herrmann.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

AT LEXINGTON, VA.—R.H.E. Randolph-Macon..... 3 2 0 4 0 1 2 2-14 13 1 V.M.I..... 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0-2 6 19 Batteries—Grady and Beaver; Mosley, Robinson, and Read.

AT ANNAPOLIS—R.H.E. U. of Md..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-5 11 3 St. John's..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1-3 7 5 Batteries—Walters and Pelousin; Wilson, Stevens, and Haver.

AT ANNAPOLIS—R.H.E. Annapolis..... 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0-5 2 5 Naval Academy..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0-6 2 7 Batteries—McClure and Henry; Anderson and Callahan.

AT BETHLEHEM, PA.—R.H.E. Stevens..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-9 4 3 Lehigh..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-6 3 4 Batteries—Harris and Patterson; Wolfram and Bilheimer.

AT WEST POINT—R.H.E. West Point..... 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 1-5 7 1 Sesto Hall..... 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0-3 8 3 Batteries—Loman and Hyatt; Jasch and Moran.

AT PRINCETON—R.H.E. Dickinson..... 0 0 2 1 1 0 0 0-5 15 9 Princeton..... 1 1 2 0 0 0 2 10 9 1 Batteries—Beauchamp and Edwards; Woodie, Greenbaum, and Dawson.

AT NEW HAVEN—R.H.E. South Orange..... 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0-3 7 1 Yale..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0-6 2 2 Batteries—Hartwell, Murphy, and Badger; Wilkinson, Hogarty, Connolly, and Howarth.

AT PROVIDENCE—R.H.E. Brown..... 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0-2 5 4 Bowdoin..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0-6 3 6 Batteries—Warner, Bliss, and Stiel; Means and Wilson.

AT DURHAM—R.H.E. Trinity of Durham..... 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0-2 1 1 Trinity of N. C..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0-1 7 1 Batteries—Olson and D'Heureux; Cook and Smith; Gant and Flowers.

AT EMMITSBURG—R.H.E. Mount St. Mary's..... 5 0 0 0 0 0 2 2-10 39 Swarthmore..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-2 4 Batteries—Engle and McHugh; Spruile and Wickham.

AT NEW BRUNSWICK—Columbia, I. Rutgers, I. At State College, Pa.—Pennsylvania State, 4; Carnegie Tech, 1.

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Some Plain Shirt Talk

Are you one of the men—

they're getting scarcer every day—who buy the first shirt they come to, regardless